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# THE PRESIDENT'S AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE

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AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE WILL NOT  
BE CALLED BACK INTO SESSION

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President Coolidge has approved the recommendation of Hon. Robert D. Carey of Wyoming, Chairman of the President's Agricultural Conference, to the effect that the Conference should not be called back into session, according to a statement issued to-day at the United States Department of Agriculture. This decision was definitely reached upon announcement that cooperative leaders in conference with Secretary of Agriculture Jardine had unanimously agreed upon a definite plan to give assistance and encouragement to the cooperative movement in its many aspects.

"The records show that most of the recommendations made by the Conference have been favorably acted upon," said Chairman Carey in a letter to the President under date of October 17. "The principal legislative recommendation of the Conference upon which favorable action was not taken by Congress had to do with cooperative marketing."





After a thorough survey of the situation, however, I am confident that farm leaders, both in and out of Congress, will agree upon steps which should be taken to foster and promote the cooperative movement.

"I feel that in the Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. William M. Jardine, agriculture is represented by one who thoroughly understands agricultural problems and conditions. He served as a member of the Conference, and knows the views of the different members regarding agricultural questions. It would seem that the Department of Agriculture as now functioning is in a position to both assist agriculture and help in the solution of its problems. Furthermore, there is a growing disposition on the part of leading farm organizations to get together on agricultural recommendations.

"Under these rather favorable circumstances," Chairman Carey said in conclusion, "and after careful consideration of the whole situation, it is my opinion that Congress, the Department of Agriculture, and agricultural leaders are making progress to work out a satisfactory solution of farm problems. In view of this situation I do not feel that the Conference should be called back into session."

The first report of the Conference, according to the statement issued to-day, had to do with the serious emergency in the cattle industry. The Conference found that the condition of the cattlemen was caused largely by a serious shortage of credit facilities. ✓ It recommended that the Farm Loan Board should make every effort to bring about the organization of the necessary rediscount agencies. Immediate action in this direction was taken following the recommendation of the Conference.

✓ It was also recommended that the Agricultural Credit Act should be amended by eliminating the provision that prohibited the rediscounting by the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of loans negotiated by Federally chartered





agricultural credit agencies. Favorable action on this recommendation was taken by the Sixty-Eighth Congress.

✓ The Conference went on record to the effect that the unappropriated public domain should be placed under lease and that there should be a uniform policy agreed upon for the administration of grazing on the public lands and the national forests. Upon adoption of this recommendation the Secretary of Agriculture gave immediate consideration to the matter of grazing on national forests, and representatives of the leading livestock associations recently met at Salt Lake City and submitted their recommendations to the Senate Committee on Public Lands.

✓ Believing that an early and thorough revision of the freight structure as pertaining to agricultural products was necessary, the Conference recommended the passage of House Joint Resolution No. 94, which directed the Interstate Commerce Commission to take action whereby the lowest possible rates could be granted to agricultural products. This resolution was enacted and hearings are now being conducted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

✓ Among other things the Conference approved the Purnell Bill providing additional funds for the study and investigation of agricultural problems in the various Land Grant Colleges. This measure was endorsed by the Conference for the reason that it believed funds should be available for the investigation of the business aspects of agriculture, particularly its marketing problems.



